

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

It is a joke to say that larger media companies strengthen diverse reporting and analysis. All one has to do is listen to the kind of news one receives in this country to realize that diversity of viewpoint is gradually disappearing in the news media, and would vanish entirely should the existing rules be loosened. As everyone knows, the "explosion in outlets" has resulted in hundreds of television stations, all broadcasting the same garbage. There is less diversity in the media now than there was thirty years ago, and there would be still less if the controls were relaxed. This is a very important issue; it's not a matter of consumer variety--it's a matter of having an informed public.